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SUBJECT: PEKING ACCUSES MOSCOW OF PROMOTING "TWO CHINAS"

SUMMARY: REACTING TO SOVIET PROPAGANDA CHARGES THAT THE PRC LEADERSHIP HAS SOLD OUT ON THE TAIWAN ISSUE TO CURRY FAVOR WITH THE UNITED STATES, NCNA HAS ACCUSED MOSCOW OF PROMOTING "TWO CHINAS" AS PART OF ITS ANTI-PRC CAMPAIGN AND REITERATED CHINA'S "CONSISTENT" STAND ON TAIWAN.

1. NCNA (DECEMBER 14) QUOTES EXAMPLES TO SHOW THAT THE SOVIET PRESS HAS RECENTLY SPREAD THE "FALLACY OF 'TWO CHINAS'". IT NOTES AN OCTOBER SOVIET NOVOSTI PRESS AGENCY ITEM WHICH REFERRED TO THE REALITY OF TWO CHINAS AND TAIWAN'S STABILITY AS AN "INDEPENDENT ECONOMIC UNIT" AND CONCLUDED THE PRC HAS REVIEWED ITS TAIWAN POLICY AND DECIDED TO GIVE UP ITS STRUGGLE AGAINST WESTERN EFFORTS TO PROMOTE "TWO CHINAS". NVPA ALSO NOTES THAT THE SOVIET PRESS HAS REFERRED TO CHIANG KAI-SHEK AS "PRESIDENT". CARRIED PICTURES OF THE GRC FLAG SENT A CORRESPONDENT TO TAIWAN

(VIKTOR LOUIS), AND INVITED GRC DIPLOMATS TO THEIR RECEPTIONS.

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2. NCNA IS REACTING TO A STEADY DRUMFIRE OF SOVIET PROPAGANDA DIRECTED TOWARD CHINA ALLEGING A PRC SELLOUT OF TAIWAN FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. FOR EXAMPLE, A DECEMBER 1 MOSCOW RADIO BROADCAST ANALYZED THE SHANGHAI AND KISSINGER COMMUNIQUE TO SHOW THAT THE PRC HAD MODIFIED ITS POSITION ON TAIWAN, DROUING THE DEMAND FOR A U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWAL, WHILE THE U.S. POSITION REMAINED THE SAME. TAUNTING THE PRC FOR ITS UNFILLED "BOAST ABOUT LIBERATING TAIWAN", THE BROADCAST CONCLUDED THAT THE U.S. IS CONSOLIDATING TAIWAN AS A BASE AND EXPCTS TROOPS REMAIN THERE FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME.

3. ON THE CONTRARY, ACCORDING TO THE NCNA ITEM, THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S STAND ON THE TAIWAN QUESTION HAS BEEN CONSISTENT AND IT RESTATES THE PRC'S CURRENT MINIMAL CONDITIONS ON TAIWAN (I.E. THE PRC GOVERNMENT IS THE SOLE LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA, TAIWAN IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF CHINA'S TERRITORY, AND TAIWAN WILL BE LIBERATED AND THE MOTHERLAND WILL BE UNIFIED.)

4. PEKING, OF COURSE, HAS MADE NO SECRET OF IZE CONCERN THAT THE SOVIETS MAY BE PLANNING TO MOVE INTO TAIWAN WITH THE BLESSING OF CHIANG CHING-JIO. HOWEVER, IT IS POSSIBLE THEY MAY HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT MOLLIFIED BY CHIANG'S NOVEMBER 16 STATEMENT TO THE U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT WARNING AGAINST SOVIET INFLUENCE IN THE PACIFIC AND AFFIRMING TAIWAN'S STRATEGIC ROLE AS A DETERRENT

TO SOVIET INFLUENCE. A RECENT (DECEMBER 13) FUKIEN FRONT BROADCAST TO TAIWAN USED THE ANALOGY OF KMT-CCP COOPERATION FOLLOWING THE SIAN INCIDENT AGAINST THE JAPANESE TO SUGGEST THAT THE TIME WAS RIPE FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT BETWEEN TAIPEI AND PEKING TO OPPOSE THE (IMPLICIT) SOVIET THREAT. SIMILARLY, THE NCNA ARTICLE DOES NOT SUGGEST THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS FINDING A RECEPTIVE AUDIENCE

ON TAIWAN FOR ITS BLANDISHMENTS. ON THE CONTRARY, THE SOVIET EFFORTS TO TALK UP "TWO CHINAS" ARE PASSED OFF BY NCNA AS A "WASTE OF EFFORT."

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